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Vector modulators and calibration thereof.

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Abstract (en)  
Calibration of a vector modulator is done using a scalar detector (220) to measure the amplitude of the RF output signal, phase shifters (221, 223) to adjust the relative phases of the I and Q components of the RF carrier, and variable attenuators (225, 227) in the I and Q modulation signal input lines to adjust the relative amplitude of the modulation signals. DC signal sources provide reference signals for the I and Q modulation inputs, carrier leak compensation signals, and calibration signals for balancing the amplitude of the I and Q modulation signals. An iterative four step calibration process is followed until no change in the results is observed. The quadrature phase error is minimized by adjusting the phase shifters (221, 223). The carrier leakage is minimized by adjusting the carrier leak compensation sources (229, 231) to minimize RF output with the modulation inputs grounded (247, 247). The amplitudes of the I and Q modulation signals are balanced by adjusting the attenuators (225, 227) until the output amplitudes are equal. Finally, the quadrature calibration signal sources (235, 237) are adjusted until the output amplitudes they produce are balanced.

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